

Amendment No. 4 to SB0258

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 258*

House Bill No. 386

by deleting SECTION 1, § 44-17-702(3), and by substituting instead the following:

(3) "Commercial breeder" means any person who possesses or maintains, under his or her immediate control, twenty (20) or more unsterilized adult female dogs or cats in this state for the purpose of selling the offspring as companion animals. "Commercial breeder" does not include any person who possesses or maintains, under his or her immediate control, dogs or cats in this state:

(A) For the primary purpose of:

- (i) The practice of veterinary medicine;
- (ii) Hunting as defined in § 70-1-101(a)(19); or
- (iii) Training and/or handling; or

(B) For the exclusive purpose of engaging in the business of boarding and/or grooming.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new sentence to the end of subsection (a) of Section 44-17-708:

The commissioner's representative shall not be permitted to inspect the premises of a commercial breeder pursuant to this subsection unless such representative is a state employee.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language to Section 3 as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) This provisions of this act shall terminate and expire on June 30, 2014. The comptroller of the treasury is urged to study the implementation and impact of the provisions of this act as it implements the licensing of commercial breeders of dogs and cats. As a part of the study, the comptroller shall examine the benefits afforded to the

public by such licensing of commercial breeders, the health of dogs and cats maintained by such commercial breeders, and the impact upon the costs of dogs and cats that are sold to the public by such commercial breeders. If a study is conducted, the comptroller shall report any findings and recommendations of such study to the general assembly on or before January 15, 2014.